

# Section Five: Elections

## Region Director Elections

The Region Director shall be elected by the local units and councils within the boundaries of the geographically designated regions. Each local unit shall have one (1) vote; each council shall have one (1) vote. The method of determining this vote shall be left to the discretion of the local unit or council. All votes shall be cast by ballot administered by the WSPTA office.

Region Directors shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. Even numbered regions hold elections for region director in even numbered years and odd numbered regions hold elections in odd numbered years.

### Region Director Campaign Regulations

Each candidate shall sign and submit to the WSPTA Office by the January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline a Declaration of Good Faith agreeing that:

- He/she is a current PTA member.
- He/she meets the qualifications for the office.
- He/she will abide by the campaign/election policies and guidelines.

A candidate may begin formal campaigning for election after signing and submitting a Declaration of Good Faith form to the WSPTA office.

Qualified persons can self-declare candidacy for the position of region director by sending signed Intent to Run/Declaration of Good Faith forms to the WSPTA office by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Each candidate may submit to the WSPTA office by January 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, a resume/personal statement (limited to 1-page, 2 sides) to be included with ballots and posted on the region website.

### Endorsement

- Endorsement information may be on printed campaign materials, with candidate's statement on region page of the WSPTA website and stated in speeches and at forums.
- Candidate shall obtain permission prior to the use of another individual's name/title in campaigning.
- Local units and councils may vote to endorse candidates; all other endorsements are personal endorsements.
- Regions, as an entity, may not endorse candidates.
- A PTA Board of Directors, as an entity, may not endorse candidates.
- Using a title in a personal endorsement does not imply the endorsement of the organization or the board of directors as an entity.
- No employee or staff member shall actively campaign for any candidate in the election of officers or directors of the WSPTA.

All published documents and website postings shall include the words “self-declared” following the name of any candidate who was not selected as a nominee by the Region Nominating Committee. All candidates will be listed alphabetically. All materials, including webpage content shall be reviewed for compliance with specifications in this document **prior to** publication and distribution.

### **Elections Oversight Committee**

The WSPTA Elections Oversight Committee shall oversee the election process. The committee shall review all materials, including webpage content, for compliance with specifications in this document **prior to** publication and distribution. All concerns raised during the election period shall be directed to the Elections Oversight Committee Chair. The Elections Oversight Committee shall have final authority in enforcing compliance with elections policies and procedures.